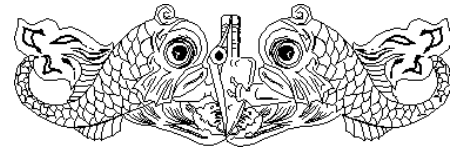


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American Legion 1700 - WWII SUB VET MEMORIAL

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MAY 2026 Parche-1000 Islands USSVI/Southern Tier Meeting Notes

DATE: May 5th, 2026 called to order at 6:00PM American Legion 1700 Endicott NY 13760

ATTENDEES: Greg Wells, Harlan Forrest, Gary Freer, Brad Fish Via Zoom: **Lou Brotzman, Dieter Dauber**

ALL RISE: PRESIDING OFFICER - Brad Fish

MEN AND BOATS LOST IN MAY

USS LAGARTO (SS - 371), May 3, 1945, 86 men lost
USS SCORPION (SSN - 589), May 22, 1968, 99 men lost
USS SQUALUS (SS -192), 26 men lost

TOTAL OF 211 MEN LOST

- * For all Americans who lost their lives while serving on Submarines.
- * For all Submariners all over the world who lost their lives on submarines.
- * Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our shipmates on eternal patrol who made the supreme sacrifice, that we may gather here in peace.
- * We dedicate this meeting to our shipmates on eternal patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation.

INVOCATION: Offered by **Harlan Forrest**

Pledge of allegiance/Salute the flag: **Gary Freer**

Please be seated: Presiding Officer

New Members and guests introduction: None

Chaplains Report:

- Base CDR visited Fred White who has been in rehab at Seneca Hill Rehab in Syracuse, NY. Fred is a past district CDR and long time secondary member of the Southern Tier Base, NY.

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Membership's Report: Anticipating a new member, Philip Brown, moving to the Elmira area that qualified on the USS Seahorse (SSN 669). Received a Holland Club package for him from the Coastal Carolina Base.

- Forwarding Steve Portnoy's check for \$60 to Joseph DeMars along with hard copy of his application for annual membership.

Treasurer's Report: (As of May 1st) - Unchanged from April Business Meeting.

Balance as of 4/1/2026—	\$5,199.40
4/30/2026	

Checkbook and banking information mailed to Greg Wells from Dan Trembly as he is permanently moving from Owego, NY to MI. Forwarding a check to Joe Demars to zero the account.

Once bank account is zeroed for one week then Greg Wells will close the account.

OLD Business:

Thresher Memorial: On April 11th a Memorial Service for the USS Thresher was held at the Thresher Memorial on the east end of the Union Endicott Stadium to recognize the loss of the USS Thresher (SSN 593) with Endicott's son EM2 (SS) Gregory Fusco. In attendance were Harlan and Laurie Forrest, Brad and Lori Fish, Mike and Deb Brand, Lou Brotzman, Greg Wells, Gary and Gail Freer, Mike Thompson, Tom and Annette Sosenko and our bagpipes provided by Marty Devault. Below is a picture with base members after placement of the wreath. Following the service many of the group joined in a brunch at the Union Diner.



NEW Business:

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Placement of Flags in Vestal Park and Cemetery is currently scheduled for Monday, May 18th. This year the flags are already picked up by Brad Fish. Discussion if a revised date is desired. Follow-up brunch at Skylark for those that want to after flag placement.

Memorial Day Parade: The parade is on Memorial Day, May 25th in Endicott, NY 10 AM meetup to be confirmed. Parade route is modified down Madison Avenue to work on Washington Ave. Meet up behind M&T Bank yet to be confirmed. Submarine float is in refit.

Next Parche-1000 Islands meeting in Liverpool is Saturday June 20th, **NO** meeting in May. Meeting Minutes kept on website: cnysubvets.net

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2023 Dates	Base Activity	Comments
Sunday, 5/17 (Hold then or in June?)	USS Scorpion Memorial Service and social gathering. Advise cemetery personnel	Memorial at Montrose Cemetery, Susquehanna County, PA on Wyalusing Street, SW out of downtown near intersection of Wyalusing St. and Coleman Rd.
Monday, 5/18 (was 5/11)	Place Flags at Vestal Cemetery– Tom Smolcumb – 765-3439 C – 743-5369	Meetup at Vestal Cemetery at 8:30 AM. No preceding breakfast. Cemetery located at: 329 Main Street, Vestal NY. Issue with Flags Reach out to Broome County. We place over 500 Flags.
Sunday, 5/19 at 1300 (1 PM)	USS Scorpion Memorial Service and social gathering. Advise cemetery personnel	Memorial at Montrose Cemetery, Susquehanna County, PA on Wyalusing Street, SW out of downtown near intersection of Wyalusing St. and Coleman Rd. After ceremony gathering at shipmate’s Jim Hayes location at 384 West Wilkes-Barre Turnpike, Montrose PA 18801-9083
Monday, 5/25	Memorial Day Parade	Endicott, NY 10 AM meetup to be confirmed. Meet up behind M&T Bank near the north end of Garfield Avenue near North Street.
<i>No June Southern Tier Meeting</i>		
<i>Saturday, 6/20</i>	<i>Parche-1000 Island Base</i>	<i>@ 10:30 at Calvary Church, 103 Grampian Road, Liverpool 13090 or virtually at Binghamton Area Location</i>
Tuesday, 7/7	July Southern Tier Meeting	6PM, 1st Tues @ Post 1700, Endicott, NY

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

Base Activity Report due end of June to be turned into David Strong

Members are reminded that there is a Parche-1000 Islands Facebook page and that if you want to join our Base Facebook you must friend request the Facebook page and CDR Strong will approve.

Closing Prayer: Harlan Forrest

Meeting Adjourned:

